

## Iron County Register

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BRONTON, MISSOURI.

For many years florists have tried in vain to produce a perfectly black flower.

Norway has fewer arrests in proportion to population than any other country.

To cure a ringworm apply a strong solution of borax and water three times a day and cover the place with the fine powder very often.

Turpentine is one of the best remedies for croup. A piece of flannel should be saturated with it and placed on the child's throat and chest.

Statistics recently compiled by the various automobile associations show that there are about 53,000 motor cars in use in this country, the first cost of which aggregated \$70,000,000.

Because of unpaid poll taxes only six citizens are qualified to vote at the coming election in Virginia Beach, Va. A mayor and a town council of six are to be chosen, somehow. One of the disqualified voters is the present mayor.

Silk was first made by Si-Lang, wife of Hoang-Ti, emperor of China, B. C. 2600. Among the Greeks, Aristotle (B. C. 384-322) is the first who mentions it. It was not until A. D. 530, however, that it began to be cultivated in Europe; the first eggs being then brought from India by some monks.

In China an odd way of taking the census prevails. The cities and towns are arranged in groups of ten houses. The oldest man in each group visits the nine houses which, with his own, makes up the group, counts the members of every family, and sends his report to the Imperial Census bureau.

A Japanese auction is a solemn affair. The public do not call out their bids, but write their names, together with the amount they are willing to pay, on slips of paper, and put these in a box. They are looked through, and the article is awarded to the person who has made the highest offer.

An appeal is made by Mr. Thomas A. Barber, the British vice consul at Oran, Algeria, to captains and officers of ships to do all in their power to prevent persons with a perverted sense of humor from casting sealed bottles into the sea bearing messages purporting to be from shipwrecked mariners.

The producing power of the banana is 44 times as great as that of the potato. The dried fruit is readily converted into nutritious flour; it may also be manufactured into sausages; beer can be made from it; while the skin can be turned into cloth, and the juice made to do service either as ink or vinegar.

Some of the London newspapers are arguing over the number of statues with "top hats" there are in existence. One is a statue of the late President Kruger that never reached Pretoria and lies in a yard at Durban. Mrs. Kruger stipulated that the top of the hat should be left open, so as to hold rainwater for the birds.

About the most dangerous place to seek shelter in a thunderstorm is under an oak or elm tree, as was proved again by the experience of a dozen persons in Prospect park, Brooklyn, only a short time ago. This fact has long been known to scientists, but many persons are killed every year by lightning because of the lack of disregard of this knowledge.

The eagle has grown scarce in the British Isles. The eggs of the bird grow yearly higher priced. A couple of eggs from Scotland recently brought \$10 apiece. An old record states that in the seasons 1831-34, inclusive, no fewer than 171 mature specimens of the eagle, together with 53 young and eggs, were destroyed in a single country of Scotland.

Pens were first made in Egypt and were made of a kind of reed. The ancients did not seem to know that good pens could be made from goose quills. One isodore, who died in 636, mentions both reeds and feathers as suitable for pens. Swan quills as being even better than goose quills were referred to in 1520. Steel pens were invented. Perry cut slits in steel pens in 1830.

A young man fond of dancing took a pedometer with him to a ball, and found that in the course of the evening he had covered 13 1/2 miles. The average length of a waltz was half a mile; of a polka, three-quarters of a mile; of a galop or schottische, a mile, and of a lancers, a quarter of a mile. A girl usually dances more than a man, and is calculated to cover more than 16 miles in a single evening.

Bakers in France are subjected to several unusual rules and regulations. In large fortified towns, for instance, they must always have a certain stock in hand in case of war. Not only this, but everywhere they have to deposit a sum of money in the hands of the municipal authorities as a surety of good conduct; and the law, not content with merely looking after their weights and measures, actually decides the price at which bread is sold. This is a precaution likely taken for the protection of the public in times of trouble, which are so frequent.

A metal-mixer capable of dealing with 750 tons of metal at a time is owned by the Ebbw Vale Steel Co. The huge boat-shaped contrivance is set on massive steel rollers, and a couple of hydraulic rams mounted on trunnions provide the tilting motion and keep the immense boat rocking from side to side. Ports are provided for gas-firing, so as to maintain the temperature of the contents of the vessel. This is the largest metal-mixer of its type. These huge machines cause a vibration like unto a miniature quake while in operation.



## STAR WITNESS WAS ABSENT

ROBERT M. SNYDER GOES FREE IN CONSEQUENCE.

Prosecution of the Kansas City Capitalist For Alleged Bribery Ends in Fiasco.

St. Louis.—Frederick G. Uthoff, former member of the city council, who accepted a \$50,000 bribe for his vote in the notorious Central Traction case in 1898, and after returning the money, tried to get it back, saved R. M. Snyder, Central Traction promoter, from further prosecution on the charge of alleged bribery Thursday by failing to appear in court.

Circuit Attorney Sager stated to Judge Reynolds in the criminal court that Uthoff is in Colorado, and that he cannot be brought here to testify against Snyder.

"I think I could get him if I had a little more time," said the circuit attorney. "I have a telegram from him saying that he is ill and unable to come."

"There have been several continuances of this case," said Judge Reynolds, "and I do not feel justified in granting another."

"In that event I will have to enter a nolle prosequi," said the circuit attorney.

Snyder, dressed in a new gray spring suit, was in court with his attorneys, Morton Jourdan and F. W. Lehmann. He smiled when the entry was made, and said:

"I guess they don't want me any more."

The charge against Snyder was that he furnished the money with which nine members of the city council were bribed to grant the Central Traction Co. valuable street railway franchises for which it gave the city no compensation. The value of this franchise is \$50,000,000, and the amount of bribe expended to get it was \$450,000.

## COTTON CONFERENCE ENDS

Recommendations of the Committee on Ginning and Handling American Cotton Adopted.

Washington, D. C.—After denouncing the government crop reports, and more particularly the reports of the department of agriculture and adopting a resolution advocating that the statistical cotton year should run from August 1 to August 1, instead from September 1 to September 1, the International Cotton conference adjourned Wednesday, to reassemble next year, should it be deemed advisable by the various organizations to do so.

When the subject of governmental crop reports came up, President MacCall and President Harvie Jordan of the Southern Cotton association commended some features of the government reports, but numerous other delegates strongly condemned them.

Imously, the report recommended the ing, ginning and handling of American cotton was received and adopted unanimously. The report recommended the following:

"That all bales be made of standard dimensions.

"That lightweight new burlap be used for bagging; or, if conditions justify, that cotton canvas be used.

"That ten ties be used on all bales, with the Egyptian style of buckles preferred.

"That all cotton should be bought and sold net weight.

"That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to have cotton baled as above and to submit the same for practical test to consumers."

Never a President Till Now.

Chicago, Ill.—Although the McCormick theological seminary was founded 70 years ago, it never had a president until Thursday. Rev. James G. K. McClure, formerly of Lake Forest university, is now the head of that institution.

Tornado in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn.—A Cannon Falls (Minn.) special to the Pioneer Press says that a tornado four miles northwest of that place, Thursday afternoon, destroyed several farm buildings but no lives were lost.

British Ambassador On Vacation.

Washington, D. C.—Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, called at the state department, Thursday, and said good-bye to Secretary Root, preparatory to leaving for a month's visit to England.

May Affect Excursion Boats.

Chicago, Ill.—The big excursion boats that run during the summer months, being an important factor in the amusement of Chicago people, may be tied up indefinitely as a result of the general strike of marine men.

## INSURANCE RATES TO GO UP

Clients of the Fire Insurance Companies Will Have to Make Good San Francisco Losses.

New York.—A star chamber meeting of representatives of practically every fire insurance company operating in the United States was held in the office of President G. Sheldon of the Phoenix company for the purpose of raising rates all over the country. The meeting was attended by three committees of five, representing the fire insurance exchange and the Western Union and Southwestern Tariff association. Each organization appointed a committee of five to deal with the problems growing out of the San Francisco disaster. The advance will be at least 25 per cent.

There is a legislative bill pending in this state making it illegal for fire insurance companies to unite to raise rates. Therefore, great secrecy is to be observed in the movement.

## AWARDED HUSBAND'S BODY

Result of a Suit Unique in the Annals of Litigation in Illinois.

Urbana, Ill.—Unless legal obstacles again intervene, the body of the late Jesse M. Richards, first president of the Chicago board of trade, will be removed from the vault in Mount Hope cemetery to another vault 20 feet distant, that has been built for his widow, Mrs. Mary B. Richards, of Boston.

A legal battle for the possession of the body, the result of an alleged feud between Mrs. Richards and relatives of her deceased husband, has been concluded in the Champaign county circuit court. Judge Philbrick ruled that the widow is entitled to the possession of the body. It had been placed in a vault belonging to the Richards family at the time of his death in 1898.

Sensational charges marked the suit, which is said to be the first of its nature in the legal annals of this state.

## VIOLENT WIND AND RAIN

Huntington and Mansfield, Ark., Suffer Severely From Heavy Wind and Torrential Rain.

Fort Smith, Ark.—Huntington and Mansfield, 30 miles from here, were visited by a violent wind and rain storm Tuesday night. Telegraph and telephone wires were blown down, cutting off all communication. The streets of Huntington were flooded to a depth of two feet. Two houses were unroofed and a number of buildings demolished. At Mansfield, three miles from Huntington, large tracts of timber were leveled and fences for miles destroyed. The warehouse of the A. T. Booth Wholesale Grocery Co. was destroyed and the St. Louis & San Francisco bridge was twisted out of line.

## HAS RETRACED HIS STEPS

Father Tom Sherman Has Returned to Fort Ogilthorpe With His Escort.

Atlanta, Ga.—Rev. Father Thomas Sherman has abandoned his trip over the historic fields which his father, Gen. W. T. Sherman, traversed 40 years ago, and with the escorting party returned to Fort Ogilthorpe.

Father Sherman expressed regrets that his mission should have been misunderstood, and expressed himself as keenly hurt by the criticisms of people and press.

To Succeed Lyman J. Gage.

New York.—The United States Trust Co. of New York city elected Edward W. Sheldon as its president, in place of Lyman J. Gage, resigned. Mr. Sheldon is a well-known lawyer, and has been for many years the counsel for the corporation.

Pocketbook Swaps Duels.

Springfield, Ill.—As the result of a quarrel over the possession of a house, Henry Lika and Hayden Camp had trouble at Mechanicsburg, and Camp was shot in the groin. The bullet intended for Lika was checked and turned by a pocketbook.

Mother Kills Son and Herself.

Las Vegas, N. M.—Wednesday, Mrs. Graef, hopelessly disheartened at the failure to make a living after her husband deserted her, shot her son, aged five, through the head, and then sent a bullet through her own brain.

In Hands of Receiver.

Chicago, Ill.—The American Reserve Bond Co., a \$3,000,000 corporation, with offices in the Chamber of Commerce building, was thrown into the hands of a receiver Wednesday through action of the federal courts.

Fire at Arlington, Ill.

Peoria, Ill.—Fire has destroyed the Verly elevator, the Methodist church and several residences at Arlington, a small town in Tazewell county. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, partially covered by insurance.

## INDIGNANT PEORIA GIRLS

WROUGHT UP OVER THAT REST ROOM STORY.

The School Board Will Take Up the Matter Immediately and Investigate.

Peoria, Ill.—Over three hundred high school girls, wrought up over stories published about Miss Quinn, a member of the faculty, met in the assembly room and passed resolutions branding the article as a malicious slander.

Principal Beasley made a short talk in which he said that the article reflected upon the girls as well as the teacher. The girls adopted resolutions branding as malicious falsehoods "That liquor has been given to girls in the high school otherwise than as medicine, and as directed by a physician to be used in such cases. That any girl has ever been made intoxicated or found in that condition in the school. That any girl was unable to take part in the annual play because she was under the influence of liquor. That great quantities of liquor are kept in the rest room. That girls lounge in the rest room and that orgies and drinking take place there."

The school board will take up the matter immediately and investigate. If it finds that any teacher was made the subject of revenge or jealousy, punishment, probably dismissal, will be the penalty.

Dr. Melville, a member of the school board, was one of the school physicians who prescribed brandy for the girls. He joins with the others in pronouncing the story exaggerated.

## TRADE GENERALLY ACTIVE

It Is In Sharp Contrast to the Weakness in the Market for Securities.

New York.—Bradstreet's regular weekly review says:

Reports of active retail and jobbing trade, of immense, in fact, of unprecedented building operations, and of really excellent crops furnish a sharp contrast to the weakness of the country's central market for securities.

This latter reflects liquidation due to past excesses by a comparatively small number of operators, not apparently, as in some past years, generally shared in by the public at large. Continued favorable weather has allowed good progress in planting, the germination in crops, the enlargement of country retail trade, improved prospects for summer goods and the placing with confidence of a volume of fall orders fully equal to a year ago. Collections also have measurably improved. Easter money for legitimate business needs is likewise foreshadowed.

## TIGER SKIN WAS VALUABLE

A Dismissed Consul Makes Sensational Charges Against U. S. Minister to Norway.

Washington.—Some sensational charges have been made against Herbert H. D. Pierce, minister to Norway, former consul-general at Canton, China, and before that an assistant secretary of state, before the committee on foreign affairs of the house, by former Consul McWade.

Mr. McWade holds Mr. Pierce responsible for his removal from the consular service. Pierce, in a confidential report, made a number of charges against McWade, who, since his removal, has been trying to get a hearing before a congressional committee. Mr. McWade charges that Pierce, when the latter was on his trip in the orient inspecting consulates, held him up for a tiger skin rug valued at \$500.

Mr. McWade says that since he has made his charges the rug has been returned to him without any word of explanation.

## WORK IS AT A STANDSTILL

Skyscrapers and Other Big Structures In Chicago Suffer Setback.

Chicago, Ill.—More than a thousand tural iron workers, following orders, dropped work Wednesday.

The strike promises to stop nearly all construction work of a large character. Skyscrapers and other large buildings under way in the downtown district especially will suffer a setback.

The ironworkers insist on a wage of \$5 a day for eight hours' work. The contractors' offer of \$4.60 for four months and \$4.80 for the rest of the coming year was rejected.

The American Student.

Cambridge, England.—Prof. Joseph John Thomson, the well-known physicist, in an address here, Friday, declared that of all the students in the world, and he had had experience with most of them, the Americans showed the greatest energy and enthusiasm. This he attributed to the "fact that American universities have no courses comparable to the exhausting trips of Cambridge," and the result was that the American preserved his freshness and enthusiasm while the Englishman was intellectually tired.

May Employ Non-Union Men.

Chicago, Ill.—The Illinois coal operators in session here received the report of the executive committee, which recommends that immediate steps be taken to put into the mines non-union engineers, firemen and other workmen to preserve the properties.

Longworths to See Coronation.

Copenhagen.—Politikon says it learns that Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth will be among the guests at the coronation of King Haakon VII. and Queen Maud of Norway on June 22.

Red Cloud Weds Again.

Cleveland, O.—The full bride suite at the Hollenden has been engaged for Red Cloud, the Indian brave, who is to be in the city on May 15. Red Cloud is 97 years old, but has married again.

Many Deranged By Fright.

San Francisco, Cal.—Superior Judge Morasky, who has been sitting as committing judge of insane persons since April 18, has passed on the sanity of 83 persons whose minds have been more or less deranged by fright.

## PRESIDENT STANDING PAT

Telegram In Reply to Inquiry by Legislative Committee of Pennsylvania State Grange.

Washington.—President Roosevelt reiterated his views on railroad rate legislation, Sunday, in a telegram sent to the legislative committee of the Pennsylvania state grange. The telegram follows:

Washington, May 6.—W. F. Hill and Members Legislative Committee, Pennsylvania State Grange: Telegram received. I am happy to tell you that not only am I standing on my original position as regards rate legislation, but it seems likely that congress will take this position, too. The Hepburn bill meets my views, as I have from the beginning stated. The Allison amendment is only declaratory of what the Hepburn bill must mean, supposing it to be constitutional, and no genuine friend of the bill can object to it without stultifying himself. In addition, I should be glad to get certain amendments such as those commonly known as the Long and Overman amendments, but they are not vital, and even without them, the Hepburn bill, with the Allison amendment, contains practically exactly what I have both originally and always since asked for, and if enacted into law it will represent the longest step ever yet taken in the direction of solving the railway rate problem.

(Signed) THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

## LATE CORWIN H. SPENCER

Many of St. Louis' Most Prominent Men Attended His Funeral Saturday Afternoon.

St. Louis.—The funeral of the late Corwin H. Spencer took place Saturday afternoon from the family residence on Washington terrace. In the throng of friends who filled the house were men prominent in all walks of business and professional life.

Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Nicollis, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, officiated, paying an eloquent tribute to the worth of the deceased.

In the course of a memorial submitted at a meeting at the Merchants' exchange, by a committee headed by David R. Francis, occurs the following:

"The career of Corwin H. Spencer should be a proud heritage to those who come after him, a gratification to those who love him, and an encouragement to all who strive. Ever mindful of his duties of citizenship, imbued with civic pride, with a public spirit that was commendable and broadening, he was made of the stuff that inaugurates and establishes great enterprises, that infuses confidence into a community—such a spirit is contagious and builds up cities. Ever ready to devote his means, as well as his time and service, to public work, he was a leader in that class without which cities would not grow, commonwealths would not prosper, and civilization would remain at a standstill."

## THE MISSOURI MARATHON

Chicago Athletes Came One, Two, Three, With Sydney Hatch Winner by 220 Yards.

St. Louis.—Puckishly Sydney Hatch, aged 23, an enduring young pedestrian of Chicago, won the Missouri Athletic club's Marathon race over 24.85 miles on the highways of St. Louis county Saturday afternoon. Hatch won by exactly 220 yards from George H. Thibault, also of Chicago. Hatch's time for the distance was 2 hours, 46 minutes and 14.3 seconds. This looks well when compared with the time made in the great original Marathon at Athens, 2 hours, 51 minutes, 23.3 seconds.

Louis Marks, also of Chicago, was third, two miles back. Marks led for 18 of the 24.85 miles.

## DEATH RATE OF VETERANS

Commander Tanner of the G. A. R. Says the Veterans Are Dying Five Thousand a Month.

Albuquerque, N. M.—Corporal James Tanner, the commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., and wife are here en route from the territorial encampment at Las Cruces, to Los Angeles, where Commander Tanner will address the California encampment. Corporal Tanner made the statement that, according to statistics compiled by himself, the veterans were dying at the rate of 5,000 a month.

## YOUNGEST HOUSE MEMBER

Frank S. Dickson, of Illinois, Temporarily Occupied the Chair of Speaker Cannon.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Frank S. Dickson of Illinois, the youngest member of the house of representatives, was in the chair and presided over that body for a short time. When Mr. Dickson left the desk he was greeted with a hearty round of applause from both republicans and democrats.

Knoxville Has \$300,000 Fire.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Fire on Saturday morning destroyed the candy plant of Littlefield, Sere & Co., and the wholesale shoe house of McMillan, Hazen & Co., and damaged the skirt plant of McBe & Hambrick. Loss, \$300,000.

Mrs. Storrs Out on Bond.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Saturday, Mrs. Alberta Dabney Storrs was released from the Los Angeles county jail on \$10,000 bond, charged with the murder of her husband. She is a cousin of Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw-Austin.

Well-Known Criminal Lawyer Dead.

Galesburg, Ill.—James J. Tunnicliff, aged 65, one of the leaders of the bar in central Illinois, died suddenly of paralysis of the heart. He was elected state's attorney of Knox county in 1872, and served 20 years.

Murder Is Suspected.

Decatur, Ill.—Foul murder is suspected in the case of Lena Mills, aged 15, whose headless body was found tragically mangled on the Wabash tracks near Illinois early Saturday morning.

## DYNAMITING OF DANGEROUS WALLS

THREE SOLDIERS CAUGHT UNDER A FALLING FACADE.

ONLY ONE SERIOUSLY HURT

First Day of Official Rest in San Francisco Since the Disaster—The City Thronged With Sightseers.

San Francisco, May 7.—The first accident in connection with the dynamiting of dangerous walls by the engineers of the army took place Sunday. Smaller quantities of explosives than were used last week are now being fired, and this necessitates two or more charges of dynamite being exploded before the desired result is attained. Sunday morning the engineers were working in the downtown districts. Twice had dynamite been exploded under the facade of a tall ruin, and a third charge was being inserted, when the wall fell. Three soldiers were buried, but a mass of twisted iron partly shielded them, and only one was seriously hurt.

First Day of Official Rest.

Sunday was the first day of official rest that the city has had since the beginning of the distress. All of the municipal departments were closed, with the exception of the police stations and hospitals, and Franklin hall, the seat of San Francisco's government, was deserted. The police have had little or nothing to engage their attention.

Open Air Services the Rule.

Among the churches the same conditions prevailed as upon the preceding Sunday, open air services being the rule, even where the buildings were unharmed. At Golden Gate park the usual Sunday band concert was given and was attended by thousands. That the people, as a whole, are beginning to look for some diversion, was shown Saturday night when a great crowd assembled to witness a vaudeville show in a hall on Fillmore street. The authorities, however, at the last moment, refused to permit the performance.

Arrests For Selling Liquor.

Two arrests for selling liquor were made Sunday, and as an indication of the determination to suppress the traffic in intoxicants until the saloons are allowed to reopen, one of the offenders was refused bail, and the other's bond was fixed at \$5,000.

Coroner Walsh, after reviewing his list of victims of fire and earthquake informed Gen. Greely that the total number of cases handled by his office was 319, of which 134 were identified and 185 unidentified. This report shows 39 less than given by a previous count.

Thronged With Sightseers.

The streets of the burned districts were thronged Sunday with sightseers. Every train from nearby towns on the peninsula and every ferryboat from the bay ports was packed with people eager to get their first glimpse of the city's devastation, and almost every third person carried a camera or kodak. In expectation of the crush of people booths of street fakirs sprung up over night along the curbs on the cleared streets, prepared to furnish refreshments, and most of them enjoyed a profitable trade. In many instances the booths were labelled with the names of former famous hostilities and the incongruity of "hot frank furters, five cents," beneath the "Palace Hotel," provoked a smile from each passerby.

The work of construction and tearing down continued on all sides, notwithstanding the Sabbath. An earthquake shock was felt Saturday morning, which toppled over unsteady walls, causing clouds of dust and a panic. In several instances laborers quit work.

## FOR ALLEGED LAND FRAUDS

Twenty-One Persons Indicted at Portland, Ore., By the United States Grand Jury.

Portland, Ore., May 8.—United States District Attorney W. C. Bristol has made public the names of 21 persons included in the final and most important government land fraud indictments which have been returned by the present federal grand jury which brought to a conclusion its hearings, Sunday, and was discharged. The indictment charges a far-reaching and intricate conspiracy to secure 200,000 acres of some of the finest timber land in Oregon, located in Crook, Lake and Flammeth counties.

If the allegations of the indictment are true, the mode of operations was similar to those of nearly all the conspiracies which have been found in this state.

Warrants will be issued at once for the arrest of the accused.

Secretary Hitchcock Gratified.

Washington, May 8.—Secretary Hitchcock has received a telegram announcing the indictment of 21 well-known citizens at Portland, Ore., in land cases, as told in a press dispatch from that city. Mr. Hitchcock stated that he was exceedingly gratified with the result of the investigation, and that the government's case was considerably strengthened because of the heavy bond fixed by the court—\$4,000 in each case. He said that it was the intention of the department to secure a speedy trial of the cases if possible.

## Russia's Future Ministry

London, May 7.—The Times' correspondent at St. Petersburg says he is able to state positively that Emperor Nicholas intends to select future ministers from the national parliament, and that the Goremynkin ministry is merely transitional.

Paulus Gast Dead.

St. Louis, May 7.—Paulus Gast, a former member of the city council of St. Louis and founder and president of the Gast Brewing company, died at the family residence, aged 64 years.

## SAD TRAGEDY IN NEW YORK

MRS. MARY G. WALTERS KILLS HER DAUGHTER AND SELF.

Temporary Insanity the Only Reasonable Explanation For the Terrible Tragedy.

New York, May 8.—Mrs. Mary G. Walters, wife of John R. Walters, banker, insurance man, member of merchants' exchange, and a member of many clubs, killed her daughter, Agatha, 22 years old, and herself at 2 o'clock at the Waters home, 144 West Seventy-sixth street, early Monday morning, using her husband's revolver. There were three daughters in the family, Ruth, Agatha and Grace. Agatha occupied a room on the second floor, as did Mr. and Mrs. Walters. Mrs. Walters rose from her bed when the others or the family were sleeping, entered her daughter's room and killed her as she lay asleep.

The shot aroused the household. Mr. Walters sprang from his bed just in time to see the white-robed figure of his wife glide into the hall. He ran toward her, thinking burglars had been discovered in the house.

Before Mr. Walters could reach the door leading into the hall he was startled by a second shot, followed by a scream and the fall of a body. It was Mrs. Walters ending her own life with the revolver.

Mrs. Walters was 50 years old. Her maiden name was Mary Griswold. So far as the police could learn she had been in good health for some time past. Only temporary insanity could be advanced in explanation of her act.

## TO FINANCE NEW SAN FRANCISCO

New York, May 8.—A number of American multimillionaires were represented at a meeting, Monday, at which preliminary plans were made to form a gigantic company for the rebuilding of San Francisco. Among those at the meeting were: Senator Francis Newlands, of Nevada; President H. S. Black of the United States Realty and Construction Co.; Thomas A. McGee of the San Francisco relief finance committee, and Franklin K. Lane, of San Francisco. Senator Newlands and Frank A. Vanderlip of the National City bank, represented the Rockefeller interests.

According to the tentative programme, at least \$250,000,000 will be subscribed by backers of the colossal undertaking. As Senator Newlands and his San Francisco conferees admitted, however, the actual sum involved may reach